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BELGRADE FOR CSCE DEL; BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USEEC

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SUBJECT: FURTHER WORK ON CSCE BELGRADE PREPARATIONS:
THEMES AND NEW PROPOSALS

REF: (A) STATE 144666, (B) STATE 144602, (C) STATE 132824,
(D) STATE 141747 (ALL REFS NOTAL)

1. AT JUNE 23 MEETING, POLADS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED PAPER WE
CIRCULATED SETTING FORTH US APPROACH TO ALLIED WORK ON
CSCE THEMES (REF A) AND US PROPOSED REDRAFT OF INTRO-
DUCTION TO UK PAPER (REF B). NOTING THAT POLADS HAVE NOW
RECEIVED COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS ON THEMES FROM SEVERAL
SOURCES, US REP URGED THAT EFFORT NOW BE MADE TO COMBINE
THESE IDEAS INTO A COMMON DRAFT AND THAT THE IS COMPILE
SUCH A DRAFT FOR CIRCULATION AND FURTHER COMMENT.

2. ALLIED REPS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SUBSTANTIAL US
CONTRIBUTION, BUT SOME NOTED FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS
REGARDING US APPROACH:
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--CANADIAN REP BELIEVED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PREFER TO HAVE
SEVERAL PAPERS ON THEMES RATHER THAN ONE JOINT DOCUMENT.

--FRENCH REP EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT US PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP
APPRAISAL STATEMENTS FOR EACH OF THE MAJOR SUBJECT AREAS
INDICATING HOW ALLIES WISH TO SEE RESULTS OF THE

BELGRADE MEETING REFLECTED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT (REF C).
HER AUTHORITIES ANTICIPATED GREAT DIFFICULTY IN ATTEMPTING
TO NEGOTIATE COMMON EVALUATIONS WITH THE EAST, DOUBTED IT
WOULD BE IN THE WESTERN INTEREST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE
EVALUATIONS THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM SUCH EFFORT, AND
BELIEVED ANY SUCH EVALUATIONS IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT COULD
ONLY BE VERY BRIEF AND GENERAL. FRENCH REP ALSO PREFERRED
TO MAINTAIN BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE UK PAPER, AND THOUGHT
THAT ADDITIONAL PAPERS, IF NEEDED, SHOULD BE SEPARATE.

--UK REP NOTED THAT UK PAPER HAD NOW BEEN ACCEPTED BY
THE NINE, AND THAT WITH LEADING CSCE EXPERTS OF THE NINE
NOW IN BELGRADE, IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO DEVELOP A
RESPONSE TO THE US PROPOSALS. UK REP ALSO EXPRESSED
DESIRE TO RETAIN "CHECK LIST" NATURE OF UK/EC PAPER.

--CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF LEAVE AND TURNOVER IN IS,
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE IS TO UNDERTAKE AN EARLY
SYNTHESIS OF DISPARATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEMES PAPER.

2. DRAWING FULLY ON GUIDANCE, US REP URGED PROMPT
AND CAREFUL STUDY OF US VIEWS, AND POLADS AGREED TO CON-
SIDER FURTHER HOW TO COMBINE US APPROACH WITH OTHER CON-
TRIBUTIONS.

3. US REP ALSO CIRCULATED US COMMENTS (PARA 3 REF D) ON
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UK NEW PROPOSALS PAPER, AND AGAIN URGED THAT WORK SHOULD
BEGIN PROMPTLY ON REDUCING LIST OF NEW PROPOSALS FOR
FALL BELGRADE MEETING.

4. COMMENT: POLADS WILL RETURN TO THESE PAPERS IN FIRST
WEEK OF JULY. IN INTERIM, WE WILL FOLLOW UP IN BILATERAL
CONTACTS HERE TO PRESS US APPROACH. STREATOR

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